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DAMS HELPED IN LAST THREAT OF FLOODS

Flood control benefits of power dams were demonstrated during the weekend of heavy rains the first of the month when Seattle City Light held back part of the flow of the upper Skagit River.

Between midnight Friday, May 31, to 6 a.m., Monday, June 3, City Light held back 112,336 acre-feet of water in Ross Lake because of the near-flooding conditions in the lower Skagit.

Power Manager Cas Bradeen reports that Ross Lake rose 9.8 feet during that period. At one time Ross reservoir received approximately 25,000 cubic feet per second flow of water from that part of the Skagit River and its tributaries upstream of the dam. Outflow was kept down to the minimum.